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UTILISATION OF POST OFFICES AS OUTSOURCING BUSINESS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices, strength of their work force;

(b) whether the Government proposes to utilise the post offices to be used as service centres in outsourcing business in order to make them work without budgetary support; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) There are 155669 post offices in the country as on 31-3-2004 with sanctioned strength of 5,65,922 employees (as on 31-3-2003);

(b)&(c) Efforts are being made to optimize the retailling capacity by extending the reach of the network to Government and Corporate Organizations, financial institutions, Banks etc., to provide more services to customers and thereby generate revenues.